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The smokeless Earth is cleaner and clearer than ever. Yesterday was a rare eye-soothing glimpse of Himalayan divinity that I caught through the eyes of distant Jalandharites. A patiently waiting thought melted and trickled out of my mind's glacial archives. Air quality is improving, haze pollution is decreasing.



Lock-down is also trying to prove that there is a massive fall in the lethal **SPM levels**, and our green lungs are becoming greener. Delhi is too busy to measure it, so are the other SPM-2.5 laden Indian cities.

One thing needs a serious contemplation post-lockdown, and that is to combat human anarchical consumerism and unmanageable produce. It could be controlled and reduced during the **contagion-corona crisis**. Besides learning to maintain sneezing, cleaning and distance etiquettes, we've also learnt to follow government protocols and have endorsed our unity through Junta Curfew, #21DayLockDown and 9Lumens@9pm to express **our solidarity** through an invisible, unbreakable human chain to crush the world's ugliest biological fright.

Mighty Earth day, Wildlife day, Energy conservation day, Forestry day, Wetland day etc. passed us several times like **unmasked photogenic formalities**, but it's **for the first time during lock-down period**, that we got quality time amidst our family members to rethink and discuss about self, society, country and the world, and there is so much of Gandhian positiveness without denigration. We are learning to minimize our wants (**not needs**); the mother Earth is under maintenance and is revivifying faster than any human recovery from a lethal disease or fatal accident. The indelible scars on our mother have been inflicted by us, but SHE can take care of herself!

This lock-down duration has also given a positive imagination to the international brotherhood to stand united on a solid bedrock of retuned development after rethinking on the present lifestyle, work-culture and pseudo-development at the cost of degradation and anarchical degeneration. The world leaders, including India, have committed themselves **to Paris agreement** and **nationally determined contributions**. **India** is a verified and internationally acclaimed **global goalkeeper and champion of the Earth**. The entire world and the WHO look up to India not only

on how we combat **COVID penetration amidst 1.3 billion global goalkeepers** but also on how we **reduce pollution** through ISA and other renewable energy resources innovatively.

Post-lockdown, the positive impact of our restraint, patience and introspections galvanized with mediation and Yoga as suggested by our PM through links like - <https://youtu.be/FSdVBFpT6i4?list=PLKrFtLRqyz6MWlswWKBazJOux333ZMyvX> will create a new India moulting out of its protective anti-corona shell. The dawn of a new India will understand, ***among other things like car-pooling, using more public transport and decongestion***, its global responsibility towards an updated SBM – **cleanliness of air, water and heart**. We will show to the world our innovations living in a smart country comprising smart cities, contiguous agglomerates, villages and hamlets.

As I'm watching the epics '**Ramayana**' & '**Mahabharata**' on DD like any other citizen, my sisters and brothers must have felt similar positive vibes which I've penned above. I'm simply voicing our common concern. Hence, I too owe my body, mind and soul, and resolve to cut plastics, electronic waste and injudicious consumerism & biking/driving. Let industries and manufacturing hubs alone be exempted from this resolve as we had dreamt of charting ourselves high on industrial maps long ago, and I'm sure our novel and innovative start-ups will accept Swiss challenges to resuscitate the sick projects.

IS IT UTOPIAN?

I dedicate this thought to my country and the world as we continue with our efforts to #SaveTheWorld vis-à-vis #StayHomeStaySafe.

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Jai Hind!